Violation of GFRs

980. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has purchased office items at a cost of Rs. 128.67 lakh in piece meal from NCCF during 2005-06 violating the rules of GFRs and Government instructions;

(b) if so, the details of the items with brand names purchased and at what rates;

(c) the details of the instructions issued by CVC and to what extent those instructions have helped Government to purchase the office items at most economical rates; and

(d) how does his Ministry propose to ensure that the office items including stationery are purchased at economical rates from NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar, indicating the measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Until notification of the new General Financial Rules (2005), procurement of office items during 2005-06 from NCCF had been done as per extant instructions prevailing earlier. The process of implementation of new GFRs was started in July, 2005 and subsequent contracts were finalised as per new rules/ regulations on the subject.

(c) and (d) Details of instructions issued from time to time by CVC are available on their official website *www.cvc.nic.in.* All Heads of Department have been instructed to adhere to CVC guidelines in order to ensure purchase of the office items at most economical rates. The Department of Personnel and Training, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, have also issued revised instructions on local purchase of stationery and other articles from NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar by the Central Government *vide* office memorandum No. 14/12/94-Welfare (Vol. II) dated 5th July, 2007.

Funds to Bihar

†981. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the funds earmarked during the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and upto 31st July, 2007 in 2007-08 for different Departments of Bihar under different heads for the implementation of various Schemes/Programmes alongwith the details of funds released against them and also the funds utilized out of such released fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): A statement showing allocation of funds for various State Plan schemes made by Planning Commission and releases against them made by the Ministry of Finance during 2005-06, 2006-07 and upto 31st July, 2007 for 2007-08 is given in the Statement *(See* below).

The Central Assistance for financing the Annual Plan is allocated by Planning Commission, for the State as a whole. Finance Ministry releases the amounts on recommendations of Planning Commission or Administrative Ministry concerned, made after taking into account utilization status.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

Central Assistance provided by Ministry of Finance to Bihar

(Rs. in crores)

SI. No.	Plan Scheme	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released
1	Normal Central Assistance	2000.16*	560.04	2293.07*	681.04	733.61	244.53
2	Border Areas Dev. Prog.	7.28	16.93	16.93	31.19	25.00	
3	AIBP and other Water Related Schemes	75.00*	23.24	250.00*	9.71	115	41.27
4	Accelerated Power Dev. & Reforms Programme	68.21	0.00	60.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
5	National Social Assistance Programme	132.05	132.13	161.00	360.02	399.46	129 55
6	Rastriya Sam Vikas Yojna/ Backward Region Grant Fund	1315.00	671.49	1345.00	999.99	1640.26	762.41
7	JNNURM	#	0.00	250.00	45.39	300.00	17.08
8	E-Governance (NEGAP)	4.25	15.04	15.95	14.90	26.58	0.00
9	National Programme for Adolecent Girls	13.80	5.26	13.80	5.37	13.80	0.00
10	Externally Aided Projects	#	0.00	#	0.93	100.00	1.82
11	One Time ACA	#	0.00	50.00*	19.75	21.00	0.00

* As per recommendation of the Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC), loan portion (70%) of Central assistance is to be raised by the State Govt. from market.

#No allocation made by Planning Commission for Annual Plan 2005-06

Development of Mumbai as global finance centre

982. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai's dream of becoming a global financial centre will not be achieved soon;

(b) whether in the recent study ranking the competitiveness among 46 international financial centres, Mumbai ranks 39th, way below Asian hotspots like Hong Kong and Singapore;